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A GROUP OF MISFITS--DRAX THE DESTROYER, GAMORA, ROCKET RACCOON, GROOT, FLASH THOMPSON (A.K.A. VENOM), KITTY PRYDE, BEN GRIMM (A.K.A. THE THING), AND ANGELA ODINSDOTTIR--JOINED TOGETHER UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PETER QUILL (A.K.A. STAR-LORD) TO FIGHT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NO ONE TO FIGHT FOR THEM. THEY SERVE A HIGHER CAUSE AS THE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY.

THE GUARDIANS' OLD TEAMMATE CAPTAIN MARVEL HAS ASKED FOR THEIR BACKUP IN A FIGHT AGAINST NONE OTHER THAN IRON MAN. AN INHUMAN NAMED ULYSSES SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO SEE THE FUTURE: CAPTAIN MARVEL WANTS TO WORK WITH HIM, BELIEVING SHE HAS NO CHOICE IF THERE'S A CHANCE TO AVERT CATASTROPHE. IRON MAN BELIEVES ULYSSES' PERSONAL BIASES AND EXPERIENCES MAKE HIS VISIONS TOO UNRELIABLE. THEIR DISAGREEMENT IS ABOUT TO ERUPT INTO A CIVIL WAR.

THEY HAVEN'T CHOSEN IDEOLOGICAL SIDES, BUT THE GUARDIANS ARE UNITED IN THEIR SUPPORT FOR CAROL...FOR NOW. ONE OF ULYSSES' VISIONS ALLOWED CAPTAIN MARVEL TO CAPTURE THANOS. PETER AND KITTY KNOW, AND HAVE DECIDED NOT TO TELL THE OTHERS.

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"THERE
IT IS."

"EARTH."

"BIG
WHOOOP."

"OH,
COME ON..."

"NO. YOU
COME ON!"

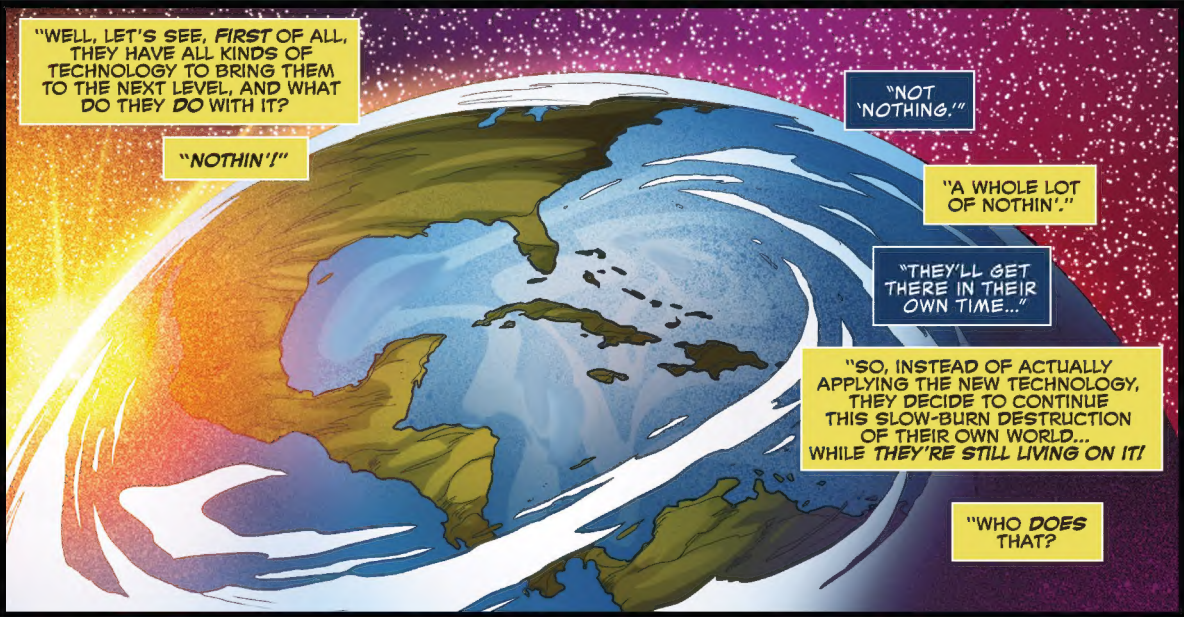
"I MEAN,
LOOK AT IT."

"IT'S
DISGUSTING."

"WHY IS IT
LIKE THAT?"

"LIKE
WHAT?"





"WELL, LET'S SEE, *FIRST* OF ALL, THEY HAVE ALL KINDS OF TECHNOLOGY TO BRING THEM TO THE NEXT LEVEL, AND WHAT DO THEY *DO* WITH IT?"

"*NOTHIN'!*"

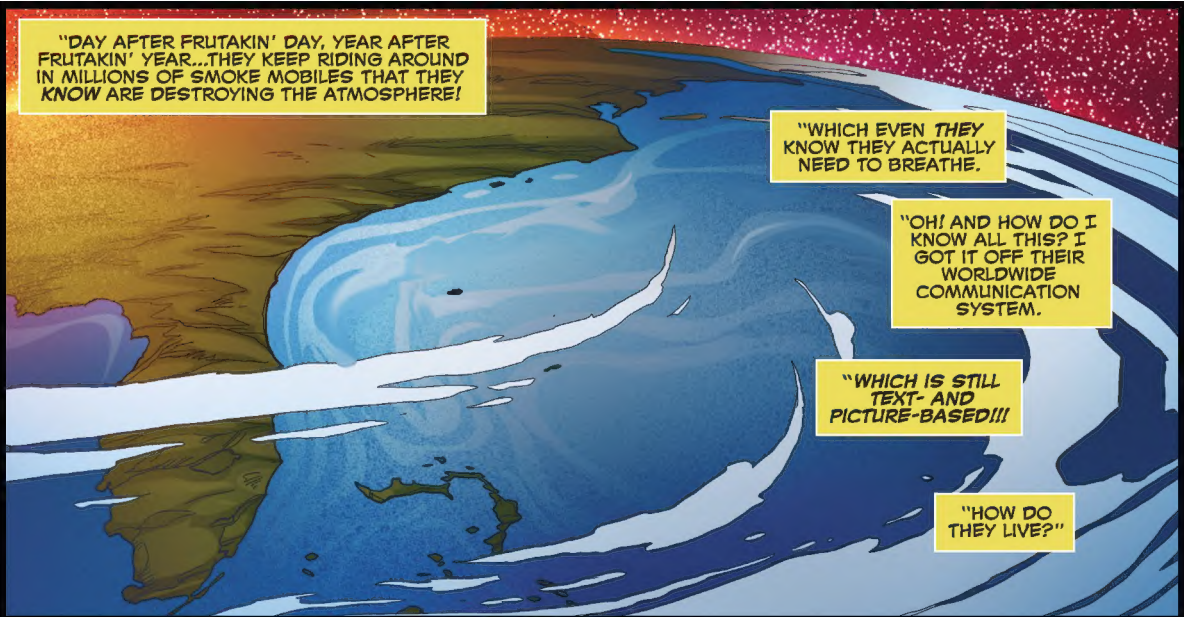
"*NOT NOTHING.*"

"A WHOLE LOT OF *NOTHIN'.*"

"THEY'LL GET THERE IN THEIR OWN TIME..."

"SO, INSTEAD OF ACTUALLY APPLYING THE NEW TECHNOLOGY, THEY DECIDE TO CONTINUE THIS SLOW-BURN DESTRUCTION OF THEIR OWN WORLD... WHILE *THEY'RE STILL* LIVING ON IT!"

"WHO *DOES* THAT?"



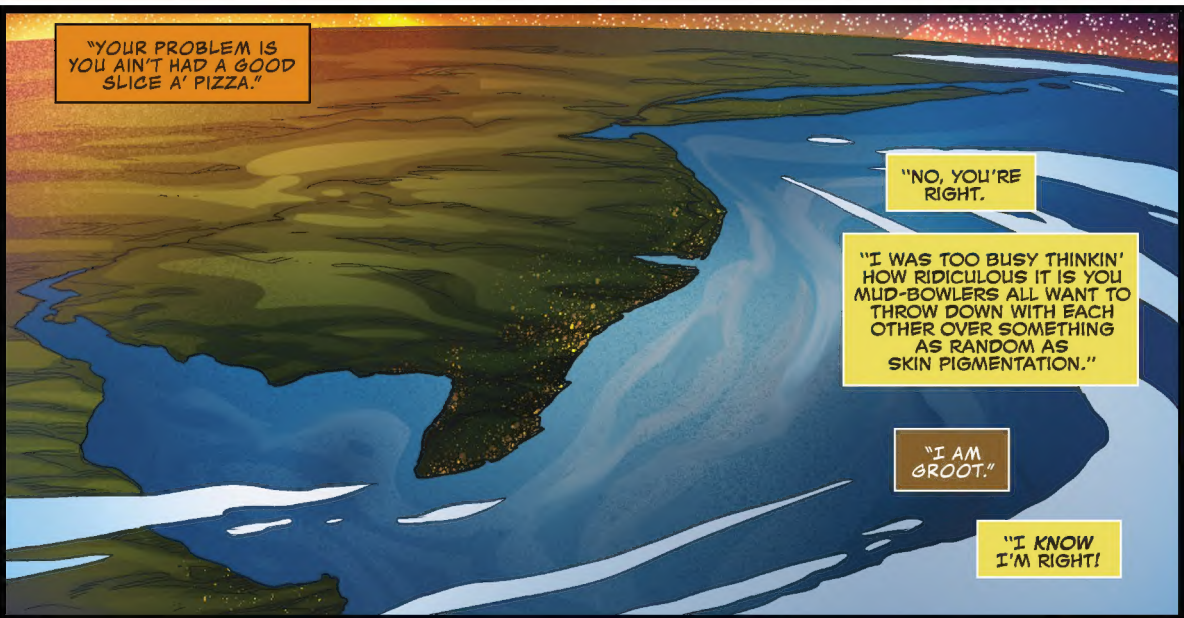
"DAY AFTER FRUTAKIN' DAY, YEAR AFTER FRUTAKIN' YEAR...THEY KEEP RIDING AROUND IN MILLIONS OF SMOKE MOBILES THAT THEY KNOW ARE DESTROYING THE ATMOSPHERE!"

"WHICH EVEN *THEY* KNOW THEY ACTUALLY NEED TO BREATHE.

"OH! AND HOW DO I KNOW ALL THIS? I GOT IT OFF THEIR WORLDWIDE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM.

"WHICH IS STILL TEXT- AND PICTURE-BASED!!!"

"HOW DO THEY LIVE?"



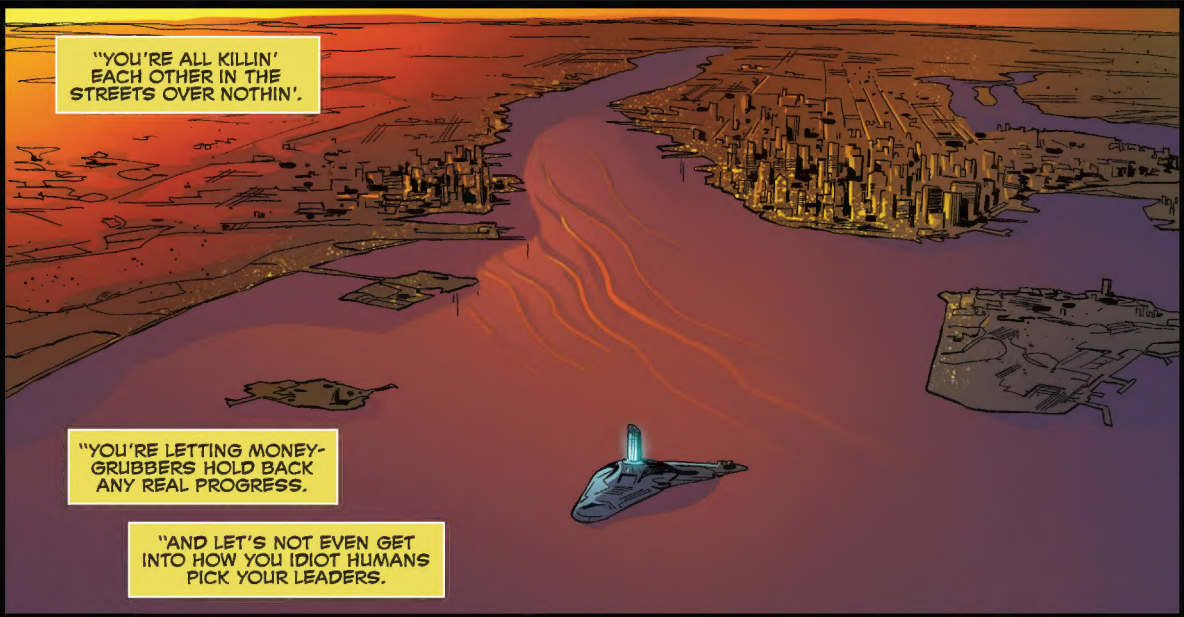
"YOUR PROBLEM IS YOU AIN'T HAD A GOOD SLICE A' PIZZA."

"NO, YOU'RE RIGHT.

"I WAS TOO BUSY THINKIN' HOW RIDICULOUS IT IS YOU MUD-BOWLERS ALL WANT TO THROW DOWN WITH EACH OTHER OVER SOMETHING AS RANDOM AS SKIN PIGMENTATION."

"I AM GROOT."

"I KNOW I'M RIGHT!"



"YOU'RE ALL KILLIN'
EACH OTHER IN THE
STREETS OVER NOTHIN'.

"YOU'RE LETTING MONEY-
GRUBBERS HOLD BACK
ANY REAL PROGRESS.

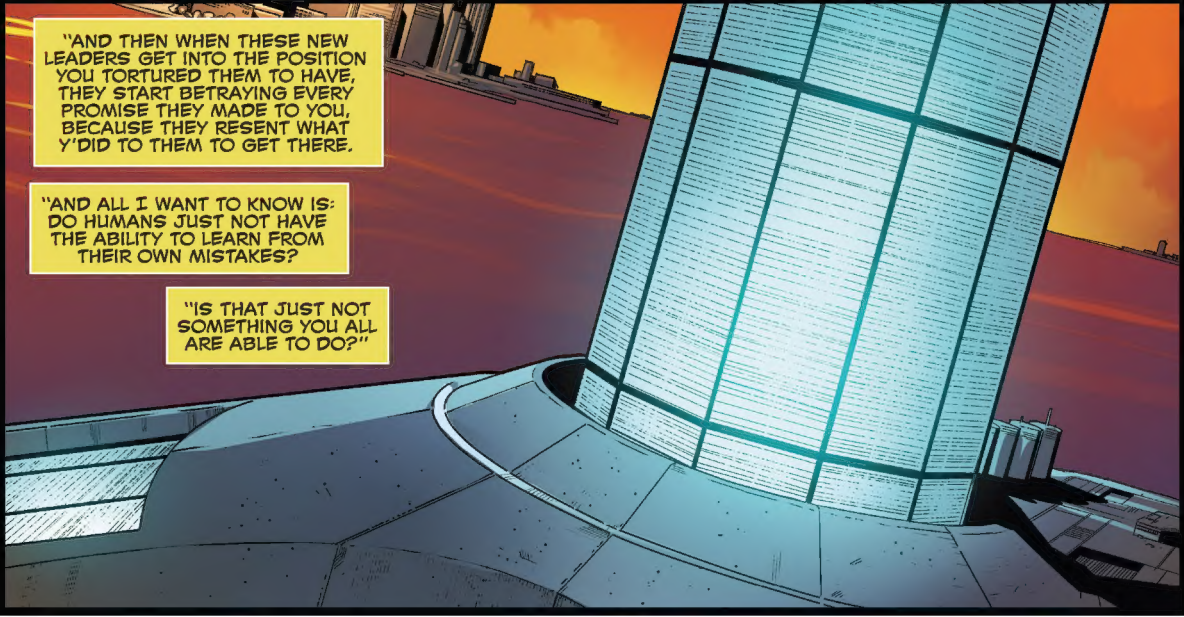
"AND LET'S NOT EVEN GET
INTO HOW YOU IDIOT HUMANS
PICK YOUR LEADERS.



"YOU GOT A BUNCH OF SYSTEMS
SET UP SO IF ANYONE REALLY
QUALIFIED WANTS TO STAND UP
AND LEAD, YA DRAG THEM
THROUGH HELL.

"SO THE SMART AND
QUALIFIED PEOPLE DECIDE
TO DO SOMETHIN' ELSE.

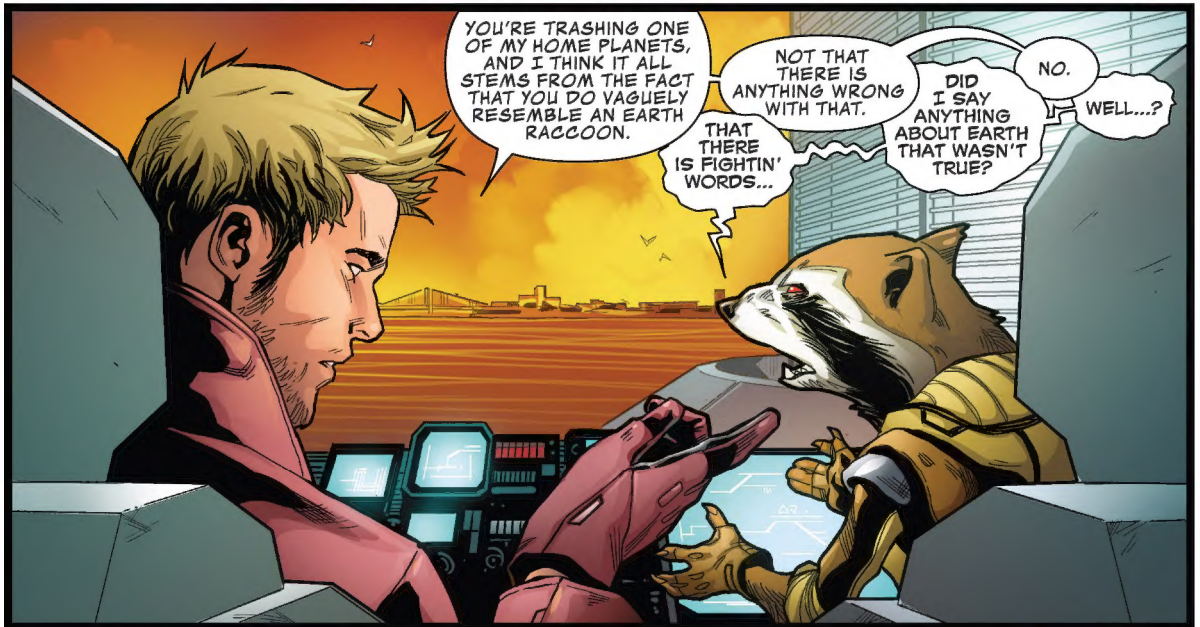
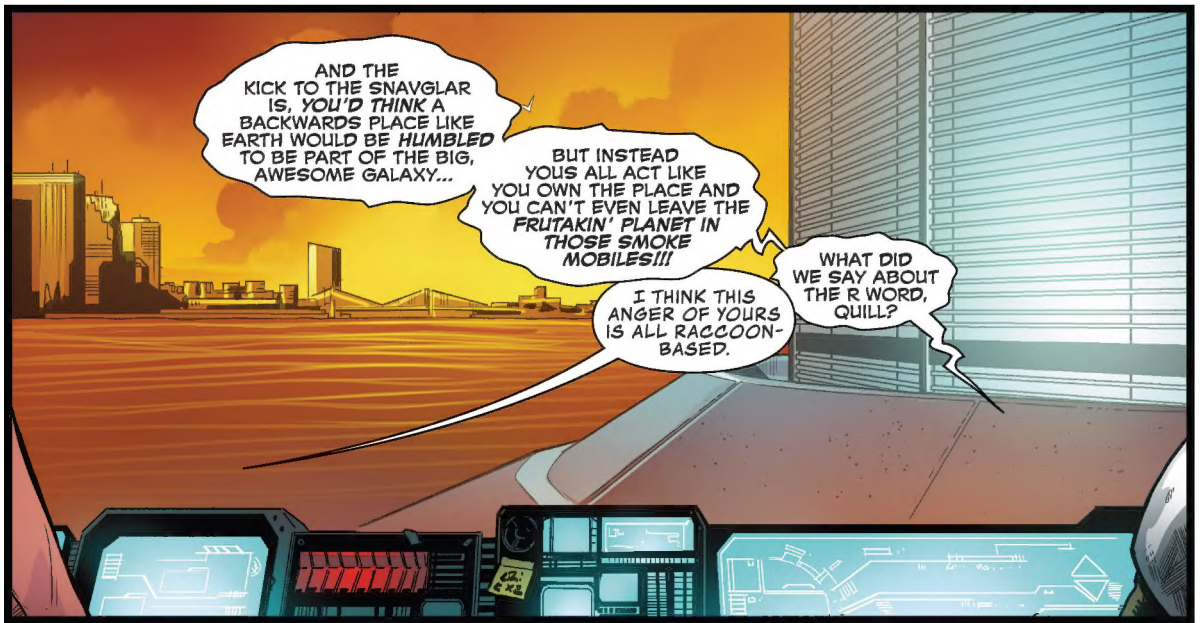
"AND INSTEAD YER LEFT
WITH A BUNCH OF
POWER-HUNGRY GRIZMODS
WHO WANT POWER SO BAD
THEY'LL PUT UP WITH YOUR
POLITICS TORTURE
CHAMBER TO GET IT.



"AND THEN WHEN THESE NEW
LEADERS GET INTO THE POSITION
YOU TORTURED THEM TO HAVE,
THEY START BETRAYING EVERY
PROMISE THEY MADE TO YOU,
BECAUSE THEY RESENT WHAT
Y'DID TO THEM TO GET THERE.

"AND ALL I WANT TO KNOW IS:
DO HUMANS JUST NOT HAVE
THE ABILITY TO LEARN FROM
THEIR OWN MISTAKES?

"IS THAT JUST NOT
SOMETHING YOU ALL
ARE ABLE TO DO?"





HEY, CAPTAIN MARVEL.

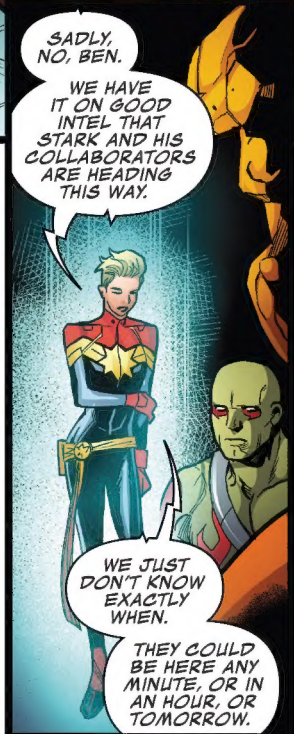
YES. WE ARE IN POSITION.

CLOAKED AND RIGHT OUTSIDE.

HEY, DANVERS, WE GOT TIME TO HOP DOWN INTO THE CITY AND GRAB A BITE?

ROCKET MADE ME HUNGRY.

THAT'S WHAT YOU TOOK FROM EVERYTHING I JUST SAID?



SADLY, NO, BEN.

WE HAVE IT ON GOOD INTEL THAT STARK AND HIS COLLABORATORS ARE HEADING THIS WAY.

WE JUST DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHEN.

THEY COULD BE HERE ANY MINUTE, OR IN AN HOUR, OR TOMORROW.



REALLY? YOU DON'T HAVE AN INTERN OVER THERE WHO CAN GO GET US SOME PIZZA?

(RAY'S PIZZA ON 55TH.)

BUT I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU GUYS HELPING OUT LIKE THIS.



YOU GUYS ARE MY ACE IN THE HOLE.

I'LL SEND YOU THE SIGNAL WHEN IT'S TIME TO COME OUT OF CLOAK.



SEE, I FEEL LIKE SHE THINKS I WAS JOKIN' WHEN I WASN'T.

I THINK SHE WAS HOPING YOU WERE JOKING.

I BELIEVE ONCE WE MAKE OUR PRESENCE KNOWN, THE EARTH HEROES WILL LOWER THEIR WEAPONS.

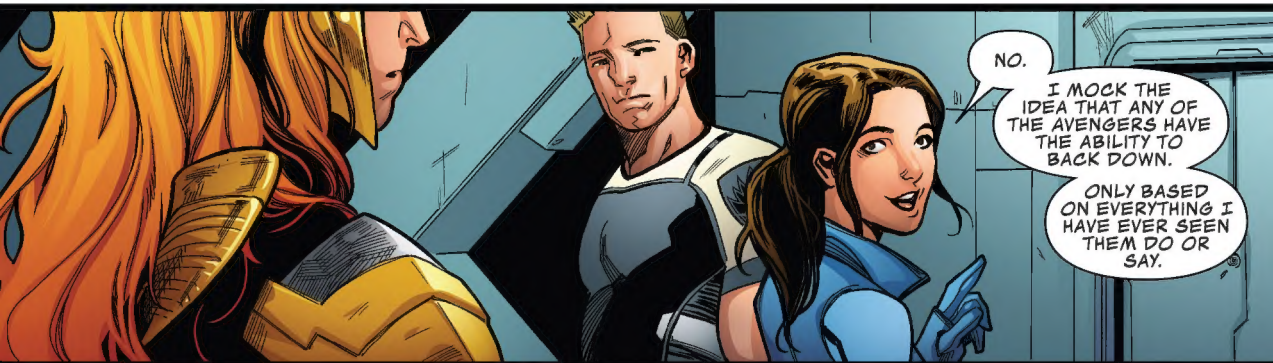


NOW THAT IS THE FUNNIEST THING YOU'VE EVER SAID, ANGELA.

IT WAS NOT MEANT TO BE.

I KNOW.

YOU MOCK ME, KITTY PRYDE?



NO.

I MOCK THE IDEA THAT ANY OF THE AVENGERS HAVE THE ABILITY TO BACK DOWN.

ONLY BASED ON EVERYTHING I HAVE EVER SEEN THEM DO OR SAY.



CERTAINLY NOT STARK.

CERTAINLY NOT.

THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH FIGHTING FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN.

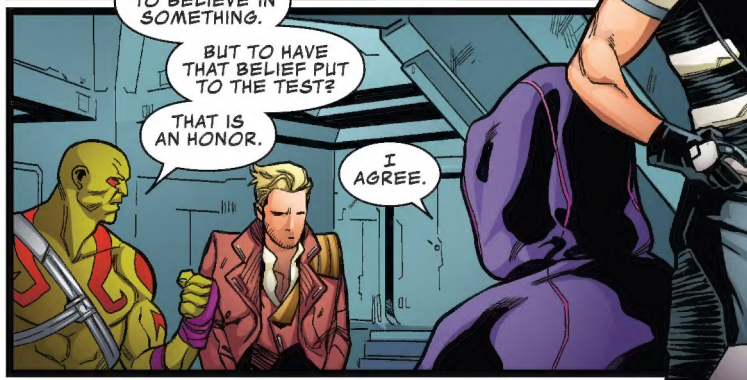


FIGHTING OUR FRIENDS OVER IT, THOUGH...

IT IS EASY TO BELIEVE IN SOMETHING.

BUT TO HAVE THAT BELIEF PUT TO THE TEST?

THAT IS AN HONOR.



I AGREE.

DO WE ALL AGREE ON WHICH SIDE OF THIS WE WANT TO FALL INTO?

I AM WITH CAPTAIN MARVEL.

MY LIFE'S JOURNEY IS TO STOP THANOS BEFORE ANY MORE HARM IS DONE...

WHAT DANVERS IS DOING IS RIGHT.



I DO NOT CARE ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE.

AYE!

BUT...

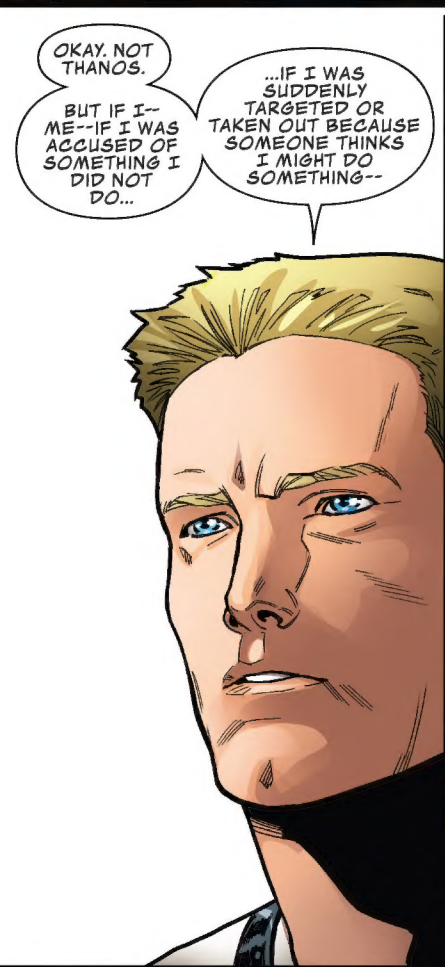


...EVERYONE DESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE THEIR PATH.

NO.

NO?

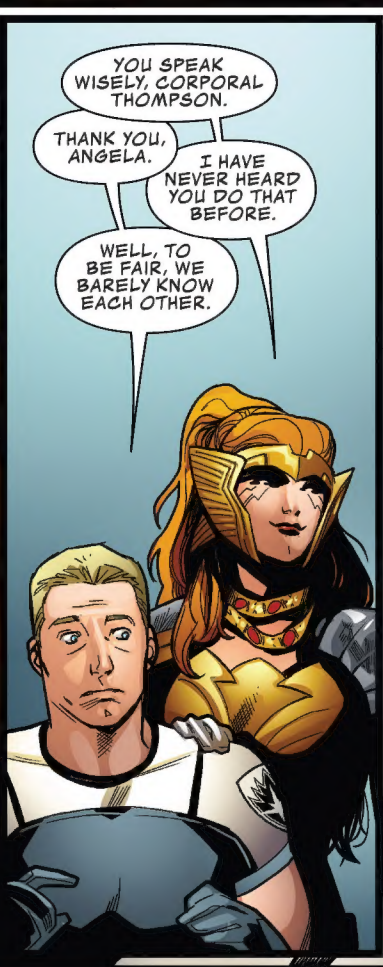
THANOS HAS NO RIGHTS.



OKAY. NOT THANOS.

BUT IF I--ME--IF I WAS ACCUSED OF SOMETHING I DID NOT DO...

...IF I WAS SUDDENLY TARGETED OR TAKEN OUT BECAUSE SOMEONE THINKS I MIGHT DO SOMETHING--



YOU SPEAK WISELY, CORPORAL THOMPSON.

THANK YOU, ANGELA.

I HAVE NEVER HEARD YOU DO THAT BEFORE.

WELL, TO BE FAIR, WE BARELY KNOW EACH OTHER.



WE WILL HELP DANVERS.

HER SWORN OATH IS TO PROTECT OTHERS. THIS TONY STARK HAS NO BUSINESS INTERFERING OR SECOND-GUESSING HER. SHE DESERVES HIS RESPECT.

SHE IS THE AUTHORITY AND HAS TO BE ALLOWED TO DO HER JOB.

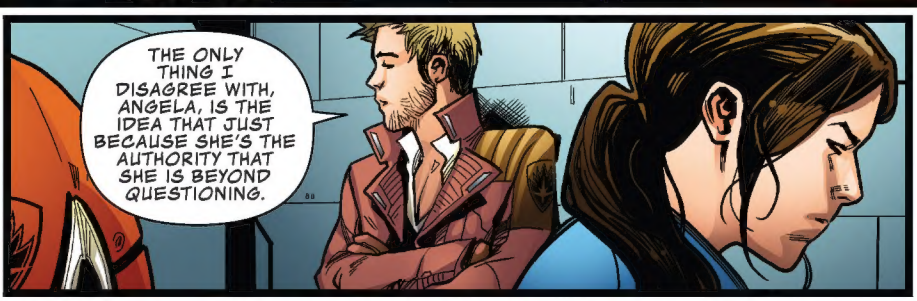


YEAH, SHE KNOWS WHAT SHE'S DOIN'.

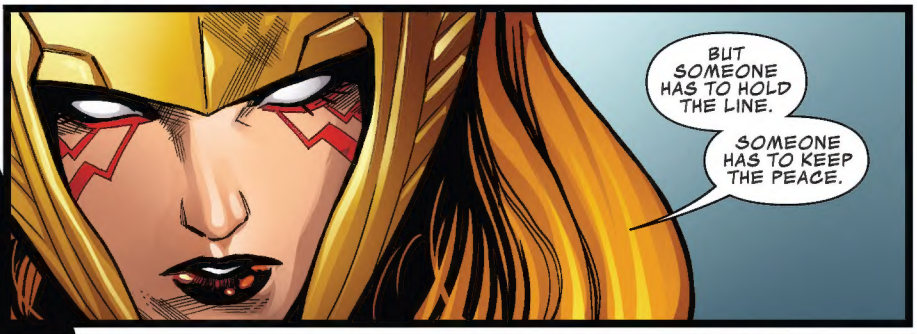
I HOPE THE X-MEN ARE ON HER SIDE. I HOPE, I HOPE, I HOPE...

CALL THEM.

I'M TRYING.



THE ONLY THING I DISAGREE WITH, ANGELA, IS THE IDEA THAT JUST BECAUSE SHE'S THE AUTHORITY THAT SHE IS BEYOND QUESTIONING.



BUT SOMEONE HAS TO HOLD THE LINE.

SOMEONE HAS TO KEEP THE PEACE.



TRUE, BUT--

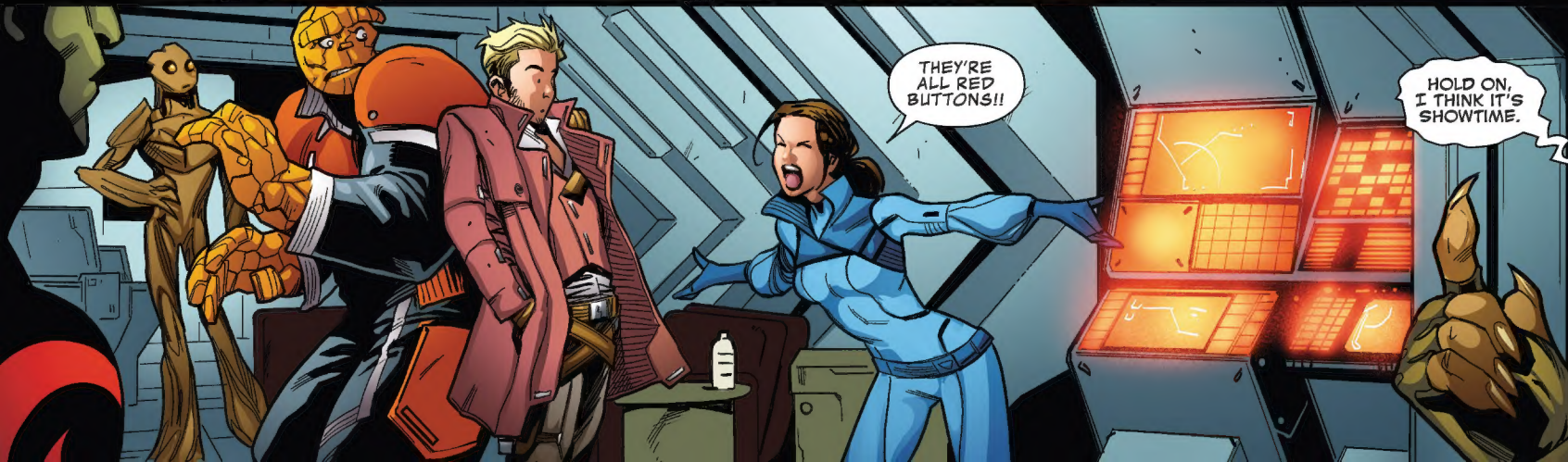
CAN SOMEONE HELP ME GET THE X-MEN ON THE PHONE?!

HOW DO YOU MAKE THIS CONSOLE AN EARTH PHONE?

HIT THE RED BUTTON.

I DID.

THE OTHER RED BUTTON.



THEY'RE ALL RED BUTTONS!!



HOLD ON, I THINK IT'S SHOWTIME.



DAMN.
"DAMN"?
I WAS THINKING:
"THAT'S
IT?"

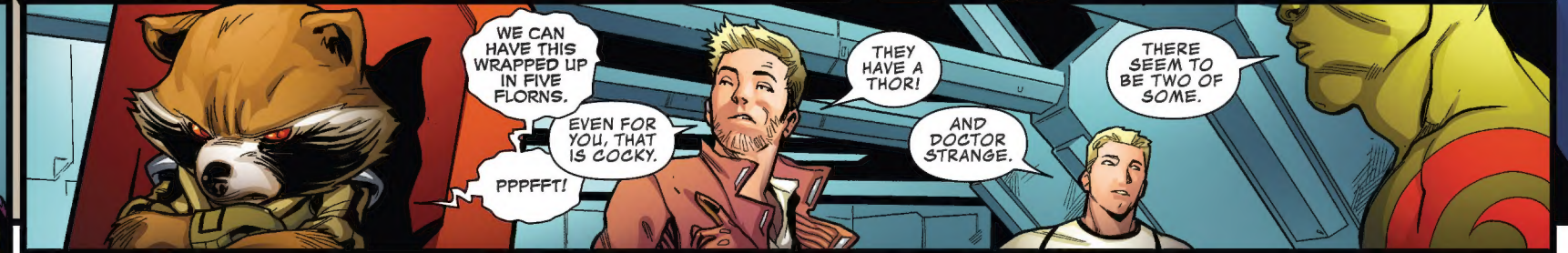
THAT IS
A LOT OF
FIREPOWER.
OH, PLEASE!
WE CAN TAKE
THOSE
GRAVNAKS,
JUST US.
OH, NO.
WHAT?
SOME OF
MY OLD
STUDENTS ARE
THERE.



YOU ARE A
TEACHER?
NOT A
VERY GOOD
ONE IF THEY'RE
HERE ON THE
WRONG SIDE
OF THINGS.



I SAY
WE JUMP
'EM!
I AM
GROOT.
EXACTLY.
WE WAIT FOR
WORD FROM
DANVERS.



WE CAN
HAVE THIS
WRAPPED UP
IN FIVE
FLORNS.
EVEN FOR
YOU, THAT
IS COCKY.
PPPPFT!
THEY
HAVE A
THOR!
AND
DOCTOR
STRANGE.
THERE
SEEM TO
BE TWO OF
SOME.



TWO
IRON PEOPLE...
TWO CAPTAIN
AMERICAS.
I HAVE
BEEN OUT IN
SPACE A LONG
TIME.



ARE WE
SURE STARK
CAN'T SEE
US?
AIN'T NOBODY
SEES THROUGH
MY CLOAK.
AND DON'T
DISCOUNT LUKE
CAGE AND
VISION.
THEY
ARE BOTH
MIGHTY?
MIGHTY
MIGHTY.



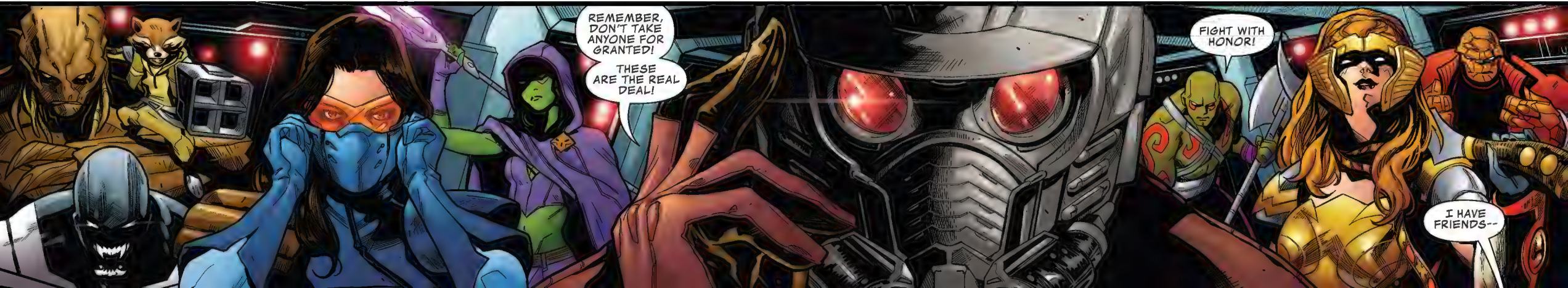
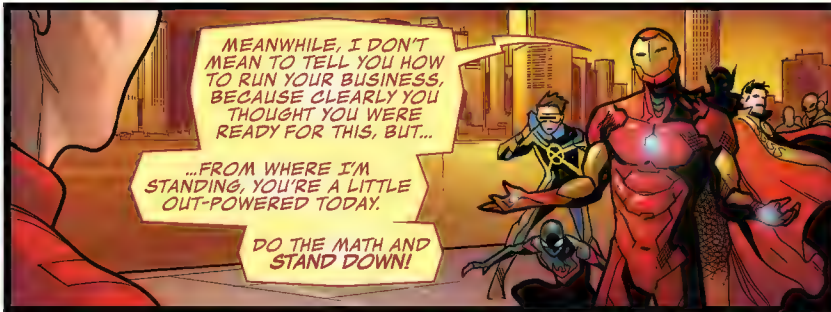
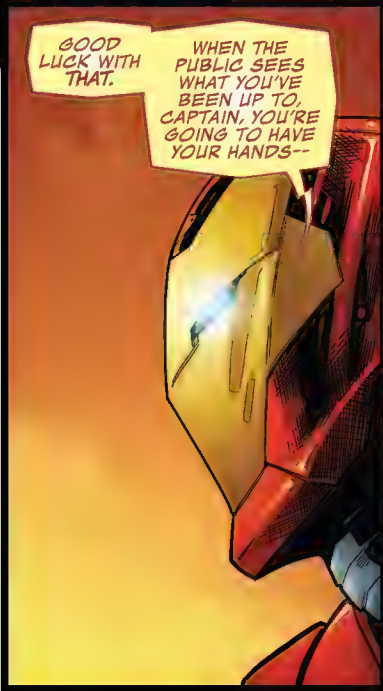
THEN THIS
WENT FROM
FAVOR TO
FUN.
AND
AGAIN: YOU
AND I HAVE A
DIFFERENT
DEFINITIONS
OF FUN.



LET'S
GO!
WE WAIT FOR THE
CALL.
DANVERS.
YOU HAVE SOME
VISITORS.
WAIT
FOR MY
SIGNAL.



NO! YOU
WAIT FOR
OURS!
ROCKET!
WHAT DID
HE SAY?
DON'T WORRY
ABOUT
IT.
WHAT'S THE
SIGNAL?





--ALL
OVER THE
PLACE.

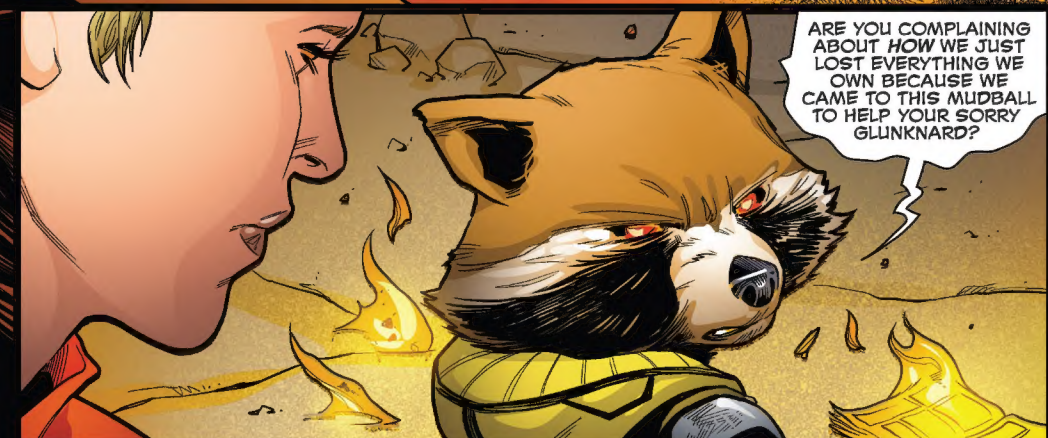
OOPS.

14 MINUTES LATER.



36 MINUTES LATER.







NO, GROOT.

I DON'T WANT A HUG.

AS A RULE.

EVERYTHING WILL BE AS IT WAS.

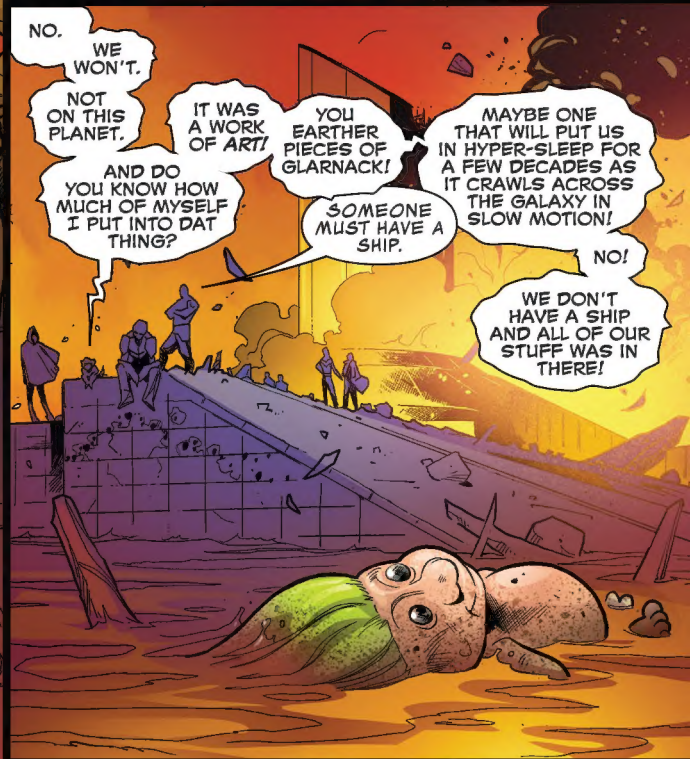
NO!



IT WON'T, DRAX.

WE DON'T HAVE A SHIP!

WE'LL FIND ANOTHER.



NO.

WE WON'T.

NOT ON THIS PLANET.

IT WAS A WORK OF ART!

YOU EARTHER PIECES OF GLARNACK!

MAYBE ONE THAT WILL PUT US IN HYPER-SLEEP FOR A FEW DECADES AS IT CRAWLS ACROSS THE GALAXY IN SLOW MOTION!

NO!

WE DON'T HAVE A SHIP AND ALL OF OUR STUFF WAS IN THERE!

AND DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH OF MYSELF I PUT INTO DAT THING?

SOMEONE MUST HAVE A SHIP.



THAT IS WHERE YOU ARE WRONG.

WE ARE ALIVE! WE ARE HERE.

WE HAVE EACH OTHER!



I AM GONNA PUKE ON YOUR FACE.

YOU HAVE ALL THAT YOU NEED TO BE YOU. EVERYTHING IS IN YOUR MIND.

AND THIS IS WHY I--I HAVE MY MEMORIES CARVED INTO MY SKIN.

I WILL ALWAYS HAVE THAT WHICH MEANS THE MOST TO ME!

THEY CAN NEVER TAKE THAT AWAY!



WHAT IF "THEY" CUT OFF YOUR SKIN?

UHM...



WELL, I
HOPE YOU
LIKE DA
EARTH!

BECAUSE
WE'RE GONNA
BE HERE FOR
A WHILE!

(CLARKNARDS!)



I GOT A LITTLE TASTE OF THIS
KIND OF THING WHEN I WAS
RUNNING MY OTHER HOME
PLANET.

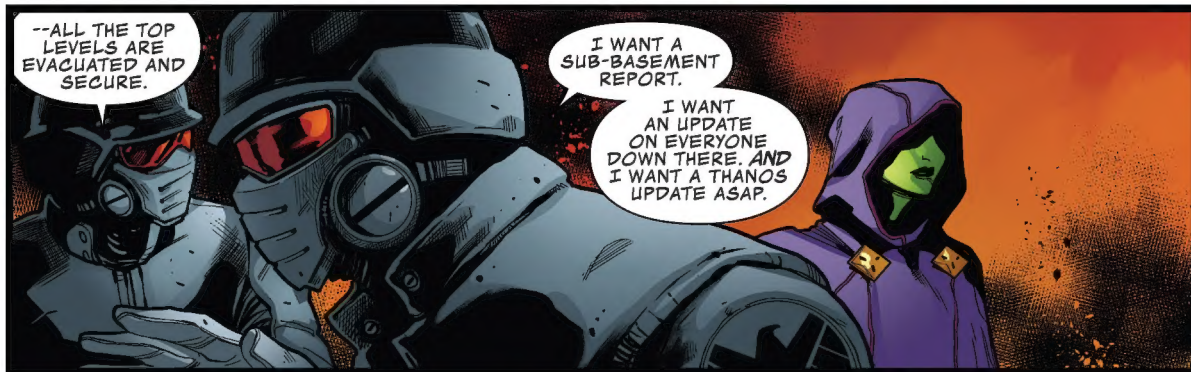
IF YOU
CAN STOP
SOMETHING
BAD FROM
HAPPENING,
YOU DO IT.

BOO-HOO
IF SOMEONE
GETS THEIR
FEELINGS
HURT.

THE BIGGER
PICTURE.



THAT'S WHAT
YOU HAVE TO
FIGHT FOR.



--ALL THE TOP
LEVELS ARE
EVACUATED AND
SECURE.

I WANT A
SUB-BASEMENT
REPORT.

I WANT
AN UPDATE
ON EVERYONE
DOWN THERE. AND
I WANT A THANOS
UPDATE ASAP.



TO BE CONTINUED...

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